The Avengers

The Adventures of a Man Who Fought Peril in the Dark

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CHAPTER 1.

The "Doubles." CHLIE ARMYTAGE Englishman of family and education, was a Snancial wreck. Otherwise, he would not have undertaken the strange mission; even for the duzzling money reward that awaited

Nor, poor as he was, would be have consented to the task, but for the pleading look in Marion Fermor's eyes.

Marion Fermor was one of England's richest unmarried women. Also, she was young and beautiful. Also, she had recently engaged herself to Niget Lukyn.

Nigel, after a series of experiences in the United States, of which he never cared to speak, had come back not long before this to his mother's London house. And, meeting Marion soon afterward, a whiriwind court. ship had been followed by an engagement, an engagement which had not at all meet the approval of Nigel's man appointeding. They came on mother.

In fact, Lady Lukyn had proceeded in duties yet. I'll give him a bit of a to place her son in Gray Gabies, a dressing-down, though I expect he'll private limits asylum, on the ground be all right in a day or two. Seems that he was temporarily deranged.

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you make no error, miss, I haven't left Mr. Quayne, and I ain't going to. I'm here on the professional lay-doing tee work for him."

that he was temporarily deranged. imp. Marion -- rather through loyalty than Marion, mollified, begged the porter love had vowed to free him, even not to be hard on the culprit. Then, though she was not, at times, certain to pass the time till the cievator descended rather than from curiosity, she inquired who was the lady who

she loved him. She hit on an ingenious plan for his release.

First of all she enlisted the aid of John Quayne, the great detective, who put his whole agency at her service—from his august self to his uncashily elever office boy. Badger. Then she set out to find some man who resembled Nigel Lukyn in looks. And in a few days of diagent search ashe discovered the impecunious Lessile Armytage. He looked enough like Nigel to be his twin brother.

The explained her plan to Armytage, which was that, for \$10,000 payment, he should have himself committed to the same private asylum as Lukyn; should get in touch with the latter, and, by changing places with him, should arrange for Lukyn's escape. After the escape Nigel was to go directly, to Marion's yacht, where the girl, under the chaperonage of her eccentric Aunt Jane, would be waiting to spirit him out of danger.

By the time Armytage had been in the asylum three days (where he assumed the name of Clarke) he learned two very interesting facts: First, that Lukyn was really insane; second, that

two very interesting facts: First, that Lukyn was really insane; second, that Lukyn was really insane; second, that two or three mysterious men and a woman from America were in search of him, presumably with the idea of killing him. Indeed, one of these Americans had apparently missaken arm to the unseen floors above. "Don't Americans had apparently mistaken Armytage for Lukyn. For, while Les-lie had been talking to Marion the day before he entered the asylum a

day before he entered the asylum a pistol shot had narrowly missed him. Nigel's mania took the form, among other things, of violent hatred toward Marion, and Leslie Armytage was sore puzzled as to the advisability of helping to turn such a man loose on the world. Also, Leslie gradually began to realize that he himself was very much in love with this girl beyours on, ch. Billy?"

In the sitting-room of a handsome private suite at the Hotel Colossal in with an air of importance that made with an air of importance that made with an air of importance that made

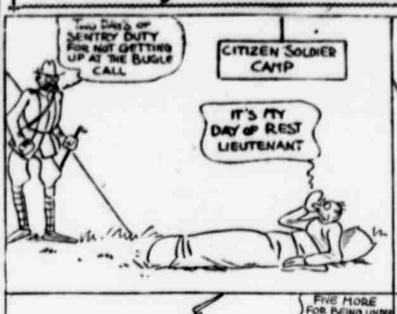
you put me within range," snapped the fiery-Frayne, his heavy black mustache bristling.

Berthe Roumier sneered at him openly, "I am beginning to think that fire-arms are clumsy weapons," she said, rising and finging her cigarette stump into the empty grate. "I shall try and work it so as to let Scorier Voules go through his parlor tricks next time."

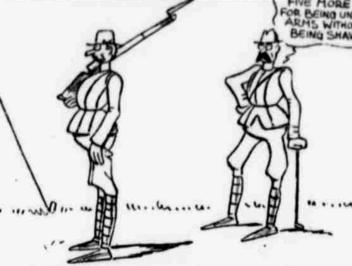
One night, three weeks after Leslie man first asked for Miss Fermior by name. On being teld that you were

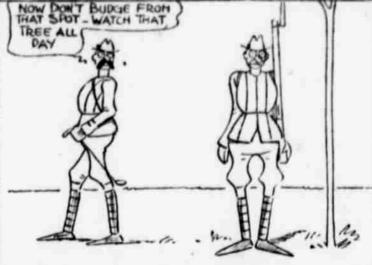
The Day of Rest

By Maurice Ketten













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MENT WEEK'S COMPLETE MOVEL IN THE EVENING BOOLD The Rose Garden Husband By Margaret Widdemer

used to hits 'em down to the quick—
sure sign of a demon's temper. He
was at it all the while he was here
before, but now there isn't a trace
of the habit, and, what's more, he
can't have been at it for a considerable time. His nalls are as nice and
well tended as any gentleman's should
be. I gladiy concede you the change
of name, as it carries with it a change
from so much nastiness. Keep on from so much nastiness. Keep on calling him 'Armytage' if you like, and if you think it will make him safer from pursuit. In fact, I concede you the man himself. I like him."

CHAPTER IV.

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have their change to kill me to-night."

He keft the hote. Two men foliowed him. On a lonely street Armytage turond and faced the non.

The two men halted. The tall can oppose.

"Mr. Niges Lukyn, I believe? We thought that we recognized you at the Hotel Colorsea!"

"Not indeed," was the perfectly truthfur repty. "I have been taken for a finance of that name before, and it is beginning to be a bit of a triannee by anne is Lenie Armytage halt of the Twenty-fourth itualizate, and very much at your aervice."

The two edged up close, peered hard into his face, and muttered sudibly to each other.

"liy thunder, Frayne, who could have imagined much a resemblance, yet it certainly len't Lukyn," and the tail man. There is a slight difference in the contour of the faw.

"I can see it pininty," was the curt response.

Whereupon Mr. Hoorrier Voules, the diplomaties of the pair, broke into a fixed of spoinges, to which the guttari base of Mr. Fayter Frayne formed a running but unintelligible accompaniment, and then, linking arms together, they continued their progress eastward along the Encitainty of briging the means who means in the was Lukyn—and of air light. There is no danger to a could a running for joy. "It has come out of air right. There is no danger to a could a running for joy. "It has come out a running of his plans, nor yet any opportunity of briging the mounts of the could are the house it oak and on the each back in the room at any moment.

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bankment.

Lesile could hardly restrain bluesif from shouting for joy. "It has come off all right. There is no danger to myself or tempending trouble for Marion," he murmured as he looked after the receding figures.

Aunt Jane, who had hated Nigel, was loud in her praise of the bride groom.

"Never asw such a change, my dear!" exclaimed the estimable spinster. "I don't believe now that he ever was insane. But for all that he had some bad habita, and Ductor Heaman has cared them. His manners are quite pretty now, and divou notice his finger nalls?"

"What on earth do you mean aunty?"

"I said his finger nalls, child. He used to bits 'oin down to the quick-suit aid the while he was here. He woman, who was plaintly visible in the wolfer her little to the company of the meanwhile keeping his eyes on the woman, who was plaintly visible in the brilliantly lightly forward, in the while he was here.

feil heavily to the floor.

Now thoroughly alarmed and perplexed, Leslie ran across the intervening space, and, passing through the open window, was immediately conscious of a feeling of suffocation. He could detect no oder but that of the lilies and tuberoses on the table, but some impalpable influence clawed at his lungs and his throat, stifling him and causing him to stagger as he rushed-to the unknown woman's assistance.

CHAPTER IV.

Peril.

HE quiet wedding was over and Armytage and Marion arrived at Eyot Cottage for their brief honeymoon, before starting on the yachting cruise.

Marion and Leslie dined tete-a-tete in a room with French windows giving on to the lawn at the back of the house, and afterward they elected

Marion and Armytage and Marion dicared off and in doing so furnished him with a clue to its cause. The first mysterious visitant had introduced into the room some kind of poisonous gas, which was being quickly dispersed and neutralized now that the window was open, but not fore the equally mysterious person the house, and afterward they elected

Stooping over her, he saw that she was quite a young girl, plainly and